GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Secrt. II-16—55,006—3-9-53.

Public Works (1953.) Department.

Endorsement
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Memorandum
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No. 42690 V/53-8

Dated 1-6 1954.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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Copy of letter dated 24-4-53 from Sri P.R.Ranganatha Punja, Member, Madras Board of Industries, "Rama Bhavan, Codialbail, Mangalore, to the Governor of Madras.

...

In the course of my interview which you were pleased to accord to me this morning, I said that I would send you the names of the rivers that traverse South Kanara district, whose mouths require very badly to be dredged to improve production of food crops and prevent loss of crop through floods covering many thousands of acres. The names of those rivers from north to south are as follows:

1. Gangolly river (Sherktimati)
2. Seetanadi "
3. Bhadragiri "
4. Kallianpura "
5. Udyavara "
6. Shambavi " (Moolky river)
7. Pavanje "
8. Gurpur " (Palani)
9. Netravati "
10. Kumaradhari river (Joins the Netravati)
11. Manjeshwar "
12. Uppala "
13. Sheere "
14. Kumbla "
15. Mogral "
16. Chandragiri " (Payasvani)
17. Bekal "
18. Charvattur river
19. Neeleshwar "

As Secretary of the District Advancement Association, S.K., I have sent representations regarding dredging to the Ministers for Agriculture and Public Works. I wish you could talk it over with them

/True copy/

Superintendent.

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Very Urgent.

Memo No 42690 J/53-1 dated 8.5.53

Sub:- Irrigation - South Kanara District - Dredging of rivers. Report called for

Ref:- Letter dated 24.4.53 from Sri P. R. Rangaraja Punja, Mangalore addressed to the Governor of Madras

A copy of the letter cited is forwarded to the CE (S) II. He is requested to offer his remarks very urgently in the matter.

8/5/53

To The CE (S) II

with a copy of letter as cited

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Government Secretariat.

U.O.Note No.1446/53-2 dated 26th May 1953.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 28 MAY 1953 PUBLIC WORKS

Sub; Governor's tour - S.Kanara district - Dredging of rivers representation of Sri P.R.Ranganatha Punja, Mangalore.

Ref: This office u.o. Note No.1446/53 dated 5th May 1953.

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The enclosed copy of letter dated 22nd May 1953 from Sri P.R. Ranganatha Punja, Mangalore, may be sent to Public Works Department in continuation of this u.o.note cited above.

G.S.
26-5-53.

P.W.D. u.o.

Copy of letter dated 22nd May 1953 from Sri P.R.Ranganatha Punja, Mangalore, to the Governor of Madras.

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I thank you for your kind letter of 1st May in reply to mine of 24th April.

It is very gratifying to know that you are pleased to look into my suggestion about dredging the rivers of S.Kanara, suggested in my above quoted letter, and also during the interview which you were pleased to grant me, during your tour in S.Kanara last month.

As regards the question of finance referred to in your letter to me, may I point out that I made this suggestion about dredging the rivers of S.Kanara to the American Consulate at Madras, through the Vice-Consul Mr. Harold G.Josif, whom I had occasion to meet several times in connection with obtaining a visa for my son who left for U.S.A. in August 1952. Mr. Josif in his reply to my letter (File No.500/HGJ-ctr) dated 13th August 1952 has said as follows: "Your recommendations will be kept on file here for reference. I cannot promise that any particular action will be taken upon them for as you know, it is a function of the Govt.of India to initiate proposals for projects under its TCA aid agreement with the USA".

When Sri S.K.Dey, Administrator of Community Projects, New Delhi, paid us a visit, and attend a special meeting, I was invited by our Collector, Sri C.A.Ramakrishnan, ICS, to be one of the speakers, when I made a reference to this subject and also handed over my suggestions to him in writing on 17-3-1953 a copy of which I have also sent to Sri N.Ranga Reddi, Minister for Public Works.

I have mentioned these particulars so that you may be pleased to take up the subject with all or any of the persons referred to above and examine if TCA aid at least could be sought for this

project.

/True copy/

Superintendent.

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**Governor's Secretariat.**

U.O. Note No. 1446/53, dated the 6th June 1953.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8 JUN 1953
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**Subject:**— Governor's tour - S.Kanara dt. - Dredging of rivers - Representation of Sri P.R.Ranganatha Bhat, Mangalore.

Ref: Governor's Sectt.u.o. note No.1446/53 dated 5th May 1953 and u.o.note No.1446/53-2 d.26.5.53.

P.W. Department may be requested to state when the file on the above subject may be expected.

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A.S.

P.W. Department u.o

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Forwarded/By order.

Superintendent.

P.W.D(JI) II

27/14b U.O.Nte No. 42690 J/53-2 d. 16-6-53

Sub: Irrigation - Sthamara - Dredging of rivers - Report.

Ref: from the Govt's Secty, U.O.Nte No. 1446/53 d. 6/53/14

Govt's Secty may be informed that the matter has been referred to the C.E.(I) II for remarks and that his report is awaited.

To
The Govt's Secty

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Memo No. 42690 J/53-3 dt. 16-6-53

Sub: Irrigation - S. Kanara Dt - Dredging of rivers - Representation of Sri P. K. Ranganatha Kunja - Report

Ref: Govt Memo No. 42690 J/53-1 PWD. 8-5-53

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Their E.E.(N) Tuni is requested to expedite the submission of this report.

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To
The C.E.(I)-II
Madras

Ref.C.No 11185/53.F.P.I.

S.Kanara Collector's office,
Mangalore d/22-6-1953.

From

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Sri A.Mahalingam Chettiar, B.A.,
Collector of South Kanara,
Mangalore.

To

The Executive Engineer, P.W.D.
South Kanara Division,
Mangalore.

BOARD OF REVEN... VII 29 JUN 1953 SECTION

ADDL. ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 8-JUL 1953 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sir,

IRRICATION:South Kanara-Dredging of rivers-Report -Regarding.

Ref:Your No. 612.Rev.dated 17.6.1953.

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Particulars are being gathered from the Revenue Divisional officers and they will be sent to you on receipt. In the meantime, I request you to offer your remarks on the petition presented by the Hony.Secretaries of the Advancement Association at an early date. My report to the Government is being delayed for want of your remarks in the matter.

Yours faithfully

For Collector.

Copy submitted to the Dy.Secretary to the Government,F.& A. F.P.Department, Board of Revenue, Madras.5
my 23.6.

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Please see the letter from the Collector of South Kanara at p1 ante. The subject "Dredging of rivers" does not relate to this Dept. This may therefore be transferred to PWD.

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dt 8.7.53.

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PUBLIC WORKS Department

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Received ____ Registered ____

From (Name) SRI N.Padmanabha[illegible]r, B.A., B.E., M.I.E.(Ind[illegible]

Designation Chief Engineer for Irrigation-II,

Station Chepauk, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Enclosures:

No. 2121/53 B-2 dated 8th July 1953.

Sir,

Sub:-Irrigation-South Kanara-Dredging of rivers-Representation of Sri P.R.Ranganatha Punja-Report.

Ref:-Govt. Memo. No.42690 J/53-3 P.W.D. d/16-6-53.

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The Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore Circle, to whom the subject was referred to, has promised to submit his report on receipt of certain particulars called for from the Collector, South Kanara District, regarding the actual area of land affected by the flooding in the river due to the non-dredging of the river mouths under each river. On receipt of Superintending Engineer's report, a reply will be sent to Government.

for Chief Engineer for Irrigation-II.

Copy to:
The Secretary to Government, Food & Agriculture (F.P.) Department for information with reference to Govt. Endt. No.11422/53-1 F.P. II A dated 17-4-1953.

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U.O.No.1446/53 dated 17th July 1953.

Sub: Irrigation - South Kanara - Dredging of rivers.

Ref: U.O.Note No.42690 J/53-2 dated 16.6.53 from P.W.Dept.

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Public Works Department may be requested to state when the file on the above subject may be expected.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
18 JUL 1953
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Forwarded/By order.

Superintendent. 17/7/D

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P.W.D (JI) 19

No. No.42 690 J/53-4 d. 27-7-53

Sub: Irrigation - S. Kanara - Dredging of rivers.

Ref: From the Govt's Secty., No. No. 1446/53 d. 17.7.53

P17 c/f

Govt's Secty may be informed that the ~~remarks~~ reports of the C.E (I)II is still awaited.

27.7.53

To
The Govt's Secty

Es 29/7/53

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Note: The interim report on P15 c/f is awaited for perusal. The receipt of the final report from the C.E may be awaited till 15.8.53. The copy of the Collr's letter is enc.

P.T.O.

Es 20.7.53

E. E., South Kanara Dist. in P. 13 of may be filed although no reference was issued to the Collr. in the matter from here.

25.7.19.

From:

Sri. P.R.Ranganatha Punja, B.A.,B.L.,
and
Sri.T.M.Aranha,
Hon'ly Secretaries, Dt.Advancement Association
Rama Bhavan, Codialbail, Mangalore.3.

DEPUTY SECRETARY 19660 MAR 1953

To,

The Hon'ble,
Dr.R.Naganna Gowd,
Minister for Agriculture,
Fort St.George, Madras.

MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE 28 MAR 53 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Sir,

We wish to bring to your kind notice a fact of which you may be already aware viz, that in order to increase the output of food grains in South Kanara, one important thing to be undertaken by the State is the dredging of at least the river mouths, if not, as far high up the river as may be feasible. Each of the rivers is annually bunded up by many mud embankments to enable ryots to raise the 2nd & 3rd crops but these mud structures are washed off during the rains, and add to the gradual elevation of the river bed. There is the annual debris brought down during the floods & when the mouth of the river is not deepened annually through human effort, this debris accumulates on the bed of the river. During recent years there has been considerable deforestation on account of increasing demand for fuel, caused by the sudden spurt in the Tile Industry on account of a great demand for Timber & other trees during & after the recent world war. The result is more debris comes down the rivers from the exposed hill surfaces than before and accumulates on the beds.

In the case of the Gurpur river, a reference to the Collector will satisfy you that the ryots used to come annualy to deepen the mouth during the monsoons. There was a conflict of interests between them and the merchants as the latter used to take criminal proceedings against the former. In or about the year 1914 further operations by ryots was stopped finally & as a result the mouth is permanently closed.

Now the only way to undertake the dredging of these rivers would be to invite the assistance & co-operation of the American government and their

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experts, who may be able to bring down small dredgers to operate during the rainy season, when the force of the current will greatly facilitate the work of the dredgers to achieve the desired results.

We are aware that there is a paucity of funds just now, but this work could be undertaken as part & parcel of the Community Project at the centre, as well as the American Cousul at Madras, may be appraised of the special needs of South Kanara, and their investigation sought and suitable remedies applied.

In the case of the Gurpur river alone , as a result of representations from our Association, it was found by the Revenue department which gathered the information that 28,000, acres of fields lying on either bank of the river, are liable to floods and in about six or seven thousand acres, the first crop, which used to be raised before, has been given up & the resulting loss could be easily calculated.

We have the following major rivers Viz (1) Gangolly river (2) Seethanadi, (3) Bhadragiri (4) Kalyanpur (5) Udyavara (6) Shambavi (7) Pavanje , (8) Gurpur ( also called Palani) (9)Netravathi (10) Kumaradhari (11)Manjeswara (12) Uppala (13) Sheere (14) Kumble (15) Mogral (16) Chandragiri (also called Payaswami (17) Kekal (18) Charvathur, and (19) Nileshwar. The extent of damage done to elevation of these river beds could be easily estimated. We request you there-fore, to take early action in matter.

Yours faithfully,

Mangalore Pmy.

Hon: Sr. Arcadey

Copy to:

1. The Hon'ble, Sri. A.B. Shetty,
   Minister for Public Health, Fort St. George, Madras.

2. The Hon'ble Sri.N.Ranga Reddy,
   Minister for Public Works, Fort St.George, Madras.

3. Sri.S.K Dey,
   Director of Community projects,
   New Delhi, Camp.Mangalore.

BOARD OF REVENUE 1422 7-APR 1953 FOOD PRODUCTION

Please see the petition at F+A(N) p.1-2 above with M (Agri)'s minute at 'A' on p.1 above. May be sent to F+A (F.P) & P.W.D. for necessary action?
24.3.53 Sd/- K.V.B.

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Ref. 24 Dept

Endr no. 1.422/53-1 ₹P II A dt 17.4.53.

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Referred to the CE(J)-II for early remarks.

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by 16/4/53 Voo 16/4/53

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CE(J) II CMM. gS. K. Copy to Engr (LR) Copy of H1-2 y

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The petition at pp 1-2 ante and the minute of M(Lgn) at p 1 ante may be perused.

Draft endr above is for approval

by 16/4/53 Voo 16/4/53

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (FOOD PRODUCTION) DEPARTMENT.

Government Memo No. 11422/53 F & A (FP) II dt. 1.6.53

Subs:- IRRIGATION - T. G. Scheme - S. Kanara Dt. - certain information - called for.

Read:- Endl. Govt. Memo No. 11422/53-1 - Fp II A 9 17.4.53

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The attention of the ~~Collector of~~ ~~SE(F)~~/C.E(I) II cdr. S. Kanara is invited to the Government Endl. Memo/~~his letter~~ cited and he is requested to expedite his report in the matter.

To

~~The Collector of~~
~~The S.E.(F)~~
The C.E.(I) II
Cdr of S. Kanara

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (FOOD PRODUCTION) DEPARTMENT.

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Government Memo No. 11422/53-3 F & A (FP) IIAdt. 3.7.53.

Sub:- IRRIGATION - T.B. Scheme - S. Kanara Dt. - Certain information ~~Taluk~~ (VI) - Called for.

Ref:- Endt. Govt. ~~Memo~~ No. 11422/53-1 FP II A dt. 17.4.53.
~~From the~~

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The attention of the Collector of S. Kanara/ ~~S.E.(I)~~/C.E.(I) II is invited to the Government ~~Memo/his letter~~ Endt. cited and he is requested to expedite his report in the matter.

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To

The Collector of S. Kanara
~~The S.E.(FP)~~
The C.E.(I) II

6 JUL 1953

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C.F. 32—10,59,181—3-11-49.

PUBLIC WORKS Department

From (Name) SRI N. Padmanabha Ayyar, B.A., B.E., M.I.E.(Ind), I.S.E.,
Designation Chief Engineer for Irrigation-II,
Station Chepauk, Madras.

Received ____ Registered ____

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

BOARD OF REVENUE
13 JUL 1953
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FOOD

Enclosures:

No. 2121/53 B-2 dated 8th July 1953. 11422/53

Sir,

Sub:-Irrigation-South Kanara-Dredging of rivers-Representation of Sri P.R.Ranganatha Punja-Report.

Ref:-Govt. Memo. No.42690 J/53-3 P.W.D. d/16-6-53.

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The Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore Circle, to whom the subject was referred to, has promised to submit his report on receipt of certain particulars called for from the Collector, South Kanara District, regarding the actual area of land affected by the flooding in the river due to the non-dredging of the river mouths under each river. On receipt of Superintending Engineer's report, a reply will be sent to Government.

for Chief Engineer for Irrigation-II.

Copy to:
The Secretary to Government, Food & Agriculture (F.P.) Department for information with reference to Govt. Endt. No.11422/53-1 F.P. II A dated 17-4-1953.

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7-A (PP) Deptt.

To AS.

Please see CE(I)'s report at
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P para. This may be transferred
to P.W.D. in continuation of
U.O. 14 ante this Deptt Memo. 20710/53-I 7-P II A
dt 8.7.53.

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17.7.53 20/7/53

7-A (PP) II A
Memo. 11422/53-4
dt 21.7.53

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
21 JUL 1953
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Ref.C.No 11185/53/F.P.I

From

South Kanara Collector's Office,
Mangalore, dated 19--7--1953.

Sri A. Mahalingam Chettiar, B.A.,
Collector of South Kanara.

To

The Deputy Secretary to the Government,
(Ex-Officio)
Food and Agricultural (F.P.) Department,
Board of Revenue, MADRAS-5.

Sir,

IRRIGATION - Tank Improvement Scheme - South Kanara District - Dredging of rivers - Report Interim Report submitted.

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Ref:-1.Government Memo.No.11422/53-P.& A.(F.P.) IV-A dated 3.7.53.

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The Superintending Engineer Coimbatore circle has requested particulars of land affected by all the rivers of this district and they have been called for from the Revenue Divisional Officers. As the particulars are to be collected in respect of the whole district considerable time may be required to collect them. I shall submit my report on receipt of the report from the Executive Engineer P.W.D. South Kanara Division in the matter.

Yours faithfully

For Collector.

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D 21.7.53.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
30 JUL 1953
PUBLIC WORKS

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Part 21 — 32 above

Submitted for perusal.

The receipt of the C.E's reports may be awaited F.D 15.8.53 as already ordered on P 20 ante

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Ref. C.No. 11185/53 FPI

S.Kanara Collector's office,
Mangalore dated 28/3/53

From

Sri A.Mahalingam Chettiar, B.A.,
Collector of South Kanara.

To The Secretary to the Commissioner
of Commercial Taxes,
Board of Revenue, Chepauk, MADRAS 5.

IRRIGATION (S.K.) Dredging of river mouths.-Petition from Sri P.R.Ranganatha Punja - Interim report - Submitted.

Ref: 1. Govt. F.& A (FP) Dept. ~~Endr. d/17.4.53~~ No.11422/53-1 FPI A dt.17.6.53
2. Board's Ref. G.4071/53-1 dt.6.5.53.
3. Board's Ref. G.4071/53-2 dt. 14. 8.53.

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I have called for a report from the Executive Engineer, P.W.D S S.Kanara Division Mangalore, in the matter and certain particulars o land affected by all the rivers of this district are being collected for this purpose. I shall submit my final report on receipt of his report. I may not be able to submit my report for another fortnight. Time may be granted for submitting the report till 15.9.53.

Yours faithfully,

For Collector.

Copy submitted to the Dy.Secretary,
to Govt. (Ex-Officio) F & A (FP) Dept. Board of Revenue,
Chepauk, Madras, for information.

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8-SEP 1953
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Memo No. 42690 J/53.5 d. 11-9-53

Sub: Irrigation – S. Kanara – Dredging of rivers – Report

Ref: From the C.E (J) II, Lr. No. 2121/53 B.2 d. 8.7.53

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The C.E (J) I is requested to expedite the submission of his report.

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The C.E (J) I

N.B: The interim report on p33 c.f received from the Collector of S. Kanara is sent for perusal.

Es 10.9.53

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To A.S.

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From Sri
N. Padmanabha Ayyar, B.A., B.E.,
M.I.E. (Ind) I.S.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation -II,
Chepauk, Madras.

To
The Secretary,
Board of Revenue,
Chepauk, Madras 5.

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No. 2121/53 B-4 dated 7-9-1953.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
14 SEP 1953
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sir,

Sub: Irrigation (South Kanara) - Dredging of river mouths - Petition from Sri P.R. Ranganatha Panju.

Ref: From the Board of Revenue No. G.4071/52.2 dt. 14.8.53.

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The reference is pending with the Superintending Engineer due to non-receipt of the particulars called for by him from the Collector of South Kanara District. The Collector has since informed him that the required particulars are being collected by the Revenue Divisional Officer and that it would take considerable time as the particulars are to be collected in respect of all the rivers of the District. A reply will therefore be sent to Government as soon as the particulars are received from the Collector.

T. V. Narayanamurthi
9-9-53
for Chief Engineer (Irrigation -II)

Copy to the Secretary to Government, P.W.D. for information in continuation of this office No. 2121/53 B-2 dt. 8.7.53.

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To A.S. P.W.D. J1
A.R. dtd 25.11.53.

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C.F. 51—14'87,865—31-8-52.

Public Works Department

Received 1953 Registered

From (Name) Sri A.R. Venkatachari, B.E., M.I.E., (Ind) M.Am. Soc., C.E., I.S.E.,

Designation

Station Spl. Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Irrigation), Madras. 5.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Enclosures:

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
12 OCT 1953
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

No. 2121/53 B-5 dated 8th October, 1953.

Sub: Irrigation--South Kanara District--Dredging of rivers--Report--Regarding.
Ref: Government Memo No.42690/J/53-5 d/11-9-1953.

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I invite attention of Government to my letter No.2121/53 B-4 dated 7-9-1953. Necessary particulars are still awaited from the Collector. He is being reminded from this office also to furnish the particulars to the Superintending Engineer expeditiously. As soon as they are received in this office with the Superintending Engineer's remarks a final reply will be sent to the Govt.

8/10/53

for Spl. Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Irrigation).

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G.J.8/10.

D.Dis.No.11185/53. South Kanara Collector's Office,
Mangalore, dated 28-10-1953.

From

Sri A. Mahalingam Chettiar, I.A.S.,
Collector of SouthKanara.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Food and Agriculture (Food Production)
Department,
Fort St.George,
MADRAS.

BOARD OF SIR,
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2 NOV 1953
FOOD PRODUCTION

IRRIGATION - South Kanara District - Breaching of rivers
petition from Sri P.R.Ranganath Punja - report submitted.

Ref:-1.Government Mndt.11422/53-1 F.P.II.A.dated 17.4.53.
2.Board's Ref.G.4071/53-1 dated 6.5.53 and the subsequent reminders.

In this district generally when there are heavy rains continuously for some days there will be high floods and the low lying fields on either side of the rivers will be submerged and some damages to crops will be caused. But if the floods are ordinary floods which usually occur in this district in the monsoon months, the adjacent fields do not suffer much though they are submerged for a day or two. The rivers in this district are all small in length starting from the western ghats and joining the sea in the west. Damages to crops by ordinary floods in these rivers are negligible. There have been no considerable damages to crops due to floods during the last 5 years in this district and even if there were some small damages here and there, it is not possible to furnish particulars of such damages under each river villagerwar as required by the Superintending Engineer P.W.D.Coimbatore circle as no registers are maintained to show such particulars. It appears however, to be a fact that the bed of these rivers especially in their approaches to the sea and at their mouths, have risen gradually due to the deposit of silt year by year. This is a matter which may be got investigated on the technical side by the P.W.D.who may be asked to suggest measures to prevent the silting up of the river beds and mouths.

2.The allegation that the Rev Department gathered information that about 28,000 acres of fields lying on either side of Gurp river are liable to floods and that in about six or seven thous acres the first crop has been given up is not borne out by any records in this office. There are also no records available in

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Yours faithfully

For Collector. 29 x 53

Copy submitted to the Board of Revenue Land Revenue Madras
Copy to the Special Chief Engineer, P.W.D.Irrigation Madras-5, with reference to his letter No.2121.53.B5 dated 8.10.53.
Copy to the Superintendent Engineer Coimbatore with reference to his No.B9.1504/53 dated 19.10.53.
Copy to the Executive Engineer P.W.D.South Kanara Mangalore with reference to his N.946 Revenue dated 22.9.53.
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of this deptt's c/o no. 11422/53-4 F.P. II A. dated 21.9.53. MB 6/11/53

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T.O.A.S.

The C.E's report in the matter may be awaited. tlee 15/12/53

ASSISTANT SECRETARY 289 17 NOV 1953 PUBLIC WORKS DEPT

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Copy of letter from Sri P.R. Ranganatha Punja, Honorar, Secratary, South Kanara District Advancement Association, Mangalore, dated 23rd November, 1953, to Sri C. Rajagopalachariar, Chief Minister to the Government of Madras.

1. I wish to place before you two subjects, while thanking your for granting me this interview. One of them is the necessity or providing a roadway on the Netravathi bridge and the other is the necessity for dredging the mouths of the 19 rivers that traverse the South Kanara district.

2. Roadway on the Netravathi bridge. Our association has been urging for this roadway for very many years now. The cost has been estimated lately at roughly 3 lakhs of rupees. The bridge was opened in November 1907 and is 2600 ft. long. At the same time the people of Malabar had been pressing for a roadway on the Baliapatam bridge, which is 2000 ft. long, but opened several years earlier, and its cost was estimated at 6 lacs. The latter is now an accomplished fact. We hope, under your regime a roadway will be opened on the Netravathi bridge also. Its importance lies in the fact, that it will be a great boon to the poor labourers who work in our tile factories. Very recently we collected figures from the factory owners & found that 3000 labourers use the bridge morning & evening, and to this must be added, at least, another 2000 villagers and it will serve the cause of 5000 pedestrians. There is a footpath on the bridge now, but no cattle are allowed over it, and during the 4 rainy months, it is impossible to walk over it with open umbrellas. There have been deaths due to drowing, when labourers attempted to cross by boats, and no jangal is provided. Another important factor to bear in mind is that the city of Mangalore which was spread along the two river banks is now growing northwards & inland and gradually we are losing the benefit of the waterways. On the southern bank of Netravati we have the town of Ullal with a population of about 20,000 and the opening of the roadway will become a useful link between the two and the growing population of Mangalore will begin to settle down in Ullal/and/river will become the centre of the growing City. We have addressed the Mangalore Municipality to open an approach road to the Netravati bridge and they have agreed to do so and also to agitate the question of the roadway along with our association.

3. Dredging the Mouths of Rivers:--is a very important work in the interests of food production in S.Kanara. The Netravati river was in flood in 1922 - 23 & inflicted severeloss and so did the Gurpur river in 1942-43. Sri Bhaktavatsalam when he was Public Works Minister went on a cruise to see the site where a separate opening could be made for the Gurpur river in connection with the scheme for making Mangalore an all weather port. At our request even before he did so, figures were collected, by the Revenue department, and it was found that up the Gurpur river to a distance of 28 miles crops were affected by floods and 6 to 7 thousand acres on either bank was left fallow for the 1st crop, because of floods. The land owners who are thus prevented from raising the 1st cop sell the clay to the tile factories and the level is lowered further & thus a vicious circle is set up. If the mouth of the river is opened during the monsoons and dredged up to a short distance the flood water will by itself cut the bed deeper. All our rivers are bunded up at short distances by temporary mud and wattle bunds to enable ryots to raise the crop. Though little by little, these bunds which are washed off during the rains, help to raise the level of the bed of our rivers. We learn that in ancient times the ryots used to combine and work together to deepen the river beds, but this practice seems to have been given up long ago. The only solution seems to be to invite foreign technicians equipped with suitable and small cutter-suction dredgers to do the work for the govt. under one of the plans for reconstruction. We have represented these particulars to Sri K.Dey, and our Governor Sri. Sri. Prakasa.

Our major rivers are the following:--

1) Gangully (2) Sitanadi (3) Bhadragiri (4) Kaliampur (5) Udiavar (6) Shambavi (7) Pavanje (8) Gurpur (called Pulani) (9) Netravati (10) Kumardhari (11) Manjeshwar (12) Uppala (13) Sheere (14) Kumble (15) Mogeral (16) Chandragiri (called Payaswami) (17) Belal (18) Charvathur (19) Neeleshwar.

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memo no 42690 J-53 1.7.53 1/5/1953

Sub. Dredging of South Kanara St.

1. From the Spl C.E.
No 2121-53-B-5 dt 8.5.53

From the Collector, South Kanara, No. 11185/53 dt 28.10.53 to Agriculture (Food Supply) Dept - copy sent to Spl C.E.

A copy of letter dated 23.11.53 from the Hony Secy, South Kanara St Advisory Board on the above subject is forwarded to the Spl C.E./M.T. His attention is invited to the requirements contained and he is requested to furnish this to the port expenditure

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Government of Madras

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM NO.103350 A/53-1 Dated 11th January 1954.

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Sub:- COMMUNICATIONS - Bridges - South Kanara District - Decking of Netravathi railway bridge for road traffic - Dredging mouths of rivers to facilitate irrigation.

Ref:- From the South Kanara District Advancement Association, letter dated 23-11-1953.

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The question of decking the railway bridge over the Netravathi river for allowing road traffic ~~ex~~ was previously considered by the Government. The General Manager, Southern Railways, reported that from the railway point of view it was not feasible to agree to the proposal. The Government also considered the proposal to extend the foot paths on both sides of the bridge now existing so as to provide road-way for vehicular road traffic but found that it was not feasible to do so as the girders were not strong enough to take any extra load. A pucca road bridge across the river is estimated to cost about Rs. 60 lakhs. In view of the present financial stringency and as there is a regular ferry and railway service the Government regret their inability to take up this costly bridge work now.

2. The question of dredging the mouths of the rivers in the district is separately under examination.

ADDL. ASST. S

A.J. Chandy,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

TO

The Honorary Secretary, The South Kanara District Advancement Association, Rama Bhavan, Godialbail, Mangalore.

Copy to 'J' Section.

Forwarded / By order.

K.V Narayanaswamy
- SUPERINTENDENT.
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T.A.S.

The C.E's report in the matter is awaited. This may be filed

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urgent — memo no 42690-J-53-1 dt 16.2.54

Sub- Irrigation- South Kanara

st - dredging of rivers

Ref. memo no 42690-J-53-6 dt 31.12.53

The Spl CE. PWD is requested to submit the report in the matter expeditiously

To the Spl CE PWD

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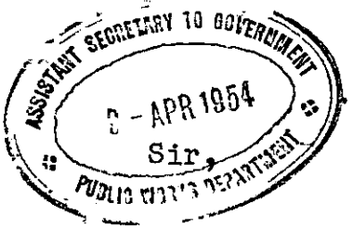
From Sri
A.R. Venkatachari, B.E., M.I.E. (Ind), M.Am.Soc.C.E., I.S.E.,
Special ChiefEngineer, P.W.D.,
Chepauk, Madras-5.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.




Letter No. 2121/53 B-10 dated 1-4-1954.

Sir,

Sub:-Irrigation - South Kanara District - Dredging of rivers.

Ref:-Govt. Memo No.42690 J/53-1 d/31-12-53.

1. The points raised in the letter of Sri P.R. Ranganathan Punja, Honorary Secretary, South Kanara District Advancement association, to the Chief Minister are 1) Roadway on the Netravathi bridge; and 2) Dredging the mouths of rivers.

2. Item 1) above refers to the Highways department and therefore I am forwarding an extract of the portion of the letter to the Chief Engineer (Highways) for his report direct to Government.

3. Regarding item 2), the main trouble is due to the delay in the natural opening of the bars during floods in the rivers. This is inevitable and it will not be an easy matter for the P.W.D. to keep the bars of the rivers open though such attempts are made in the case of rivers crossing open reaches of navigable canals. The opening of bars is not very essential in the interest of irrigation as the damage to crops on the banks of rivers due to submersion is reported to be small and flooding is stated to be of short duration. The Executive Engineer and Collector have stated that the complaint about vast damages to irrigation is not proved by actual facts. In view of the above, keeping open the bars at Government cost as requested by the petitioner is not necessary in the interest of irrigation.

6/4/54

for Special Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

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Governor's Secretariat.

U.O. Note No. 1446/53, dated the 23rd April 1954.

Subject:— Dredging of rivers - South Kanara district.

Ref: P.W.D.U.O.No.21799 J-54-1 d.22.3.54

P.W. Department may be requested to state when the file on the above subject may be expected.

K.V.S.
23.4.54.

P.W. Department u.o

Forwarded/By order.

Superintendent.

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR RAJ BHAVAN

Ootacamund,
May 22, 1954.

No.1446/53.

Dear Sir,

Sub: South Kanara district - Food production - Dredging of rivers.
Ref: Correspondence resting with my letter No. 1446/53 dated 11th July 1953.

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You will remember that you made a representation to the Governor in the course of his visit to South Kanara in 1953, that dredging in respect of 19 rivers in South Kanara district might be conducted and the silt cleared from their mouths as far higher up the rivers as possible, in order to prevent flooding of lands on either sides of the rivers and consequent damage to crops.

2. This point has been examined in consultation with the Collector and the Chief Engineer. It is found that in respect of the mouths of the rivers, the main trouble is due to the delay in the natural opening of the bars during floods. This is inevitable and it is feared that it will not be an easy matter for the Public Works Department to keep open the bars of the rivers, though such attempts are made in the case of rivers crossing open reaches of navigable canals. Keeping open of the bars in the mouths of the rivers is not necessary in the interest of irrigation as it is reported that damage to crops by submersion would be small and flooding is only of short duration.

3. As regards the decking of the Railway bridge over the Netravati for allowing road traffic, I am to say that the matter is under the consideration of the Government of India.

Yours faithfully,
Sd. K.V.Subramanian.

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To
Sri P.R.Ranganatha Punja, B.A.,B.L.,
"Rama Bhavan",
Codialbail,
Mangalore.

Copy to Secretariat file (Public Works Department - C.No.42690 J/53.)

P.S.G.
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From (Name) Sri A.R. Venkatachari,
Designation Special Chief Engineer PWD (Irrigation),
Station Chepauk, Madras--5.

To

The Secretary,
Board of Revenue,
CHEPAUK.

Enclosures:

No. 2121/53 B-13, dated 6th May 1954

Sir,

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Sub:--IRRIGATION--South Kanara District--Dredging of rivers--Regarding.

Ref:--Board of Revenue Ref. G/H.No.4071/53-6 dt. 12-4-54.

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I enclose a copy of my reply sent to the Government (No. 2121/53 B-10 dated 1-4-54) on a petition forwarded by the Government Public Works Department, similar to the one sent by the Government Food & Agriculture (Food Production) Department with their Endorsement No. 11422/53-1 F.P.II.A dated 17-4-53, for information. In this connection, I also invite reference to the report of the Collector of South Kanara in his No. D.Dis.No. 11185/53 dated 28-10-53. on the subject.

for Special Chief Engineer PWD (Irrigation)

Encl: Extract of Chief Engineer for Irrigation's reply to Government.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Agricultural (Food Production) Department for information with Enc.

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(P.W.D.) wire in confirmation of this Deptt.'s wire No. No. 11422/53-4-FP.II.A, dated 21-7-1953.

TO: HS

P.W.D

Please the letter from C.K. on the subject the main file on the above subject is under circulation. This may be added to main file after its return from circulation

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Extract of
Copy of/Chief Engineer for Irrigation's letter No. 2121/53B-10 dated 1-4-54 to The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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Sub:--Irrigation--South Kanara District--Dredging of rivers.
Ref:--Government memo. No. 42690 J/53-1 dated 31-12-53.

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Regarding item (2), the main trouble is due to the delay in the natural opening of the bars during floods in the rivers. This is inevitable and it will not be an easy matter for the Public Works Department to keep the bars of the rivers open through such attempts are made in the case of rivers, crossing open reaches of navigable canals. The opening of bars is not very essential in the interest of irrigation as the damage to crops on the banks of rivers due to submersion is reported to be small and flooding is stated to be of short duration. The Executive Engineer and Collector have stated that the complaint about vast damages to irrigation is not proved by actual facts.

In view of the above, keeping open the bars at government cost as requested by the petitioner is not necessary in the interest of irrigation.

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Copy to the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore circle.

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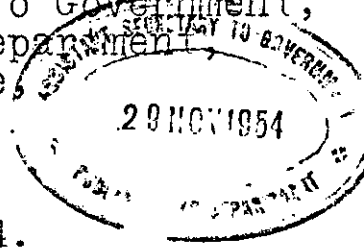
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

From
Sri K.K.Nambiar,B.E.,M.I.E.(Ind)
F.Inst.H.E.(Eng) M.I.Mun.E.(Eng)
M.Am.Soc.C.E.,
Chief Engineer(Highways)
Chepauk, Madras-5

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George,
Madras-9



LETTER NO.14596-C4-54-4 dated 27-11-54.

Sir,

Sub: Communications - South Kanara District - Roadway over the Nethravathi Railway Bridge - Regarding.

Ref: Govt. Memo.No.42090 J/53-1 dated 31-12-53.

I invite attention to Government letter No.4114 A/54-6 dated 9-3-54 to Government of India, Ministry of Transport (Road Wing) wherein the necessity and the advantage of providing the above Railway bridge with road decking was stressed.

E.P. Manavalan 27.11.54
For Chief Engineer(Highways)

# GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

U.O.Note No. 1446/53 dated the 5th May 1953.

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G.S.
5-5-53.

P.W.D./U.O.

P.4.D(J.I)

The CE's remarks may be called for in the first instance. A draft memo is submitted below for approval.

8.5.53

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(Signed as memo no. 42690 J/53-1 dated 8.5.53)
& C.F. No. note no. 1446/53-2 dated 26.5.53 from Governor's Secrt.

4-8 C.F.

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(18.5.53)

P.W.D.(J1)

Sub: Irrigation - South Kanara - Rivers - Dredging of

Ref: (1) Letter from Sri P.R.Ranganatham Punja, Honorary Secretary, South Kanara Dt. Advancement Association to the Governor of Madras dated 24-4-1953.

(2) -do- 22-5-1953

(3) -do- to M(Agri) d/ 17-3-53

(4) Letter from Collector, South Kanara No.D.Dis.11185/53 dated 28-10-1953

(5) Letter from Sri P.R.Ranganatha Punja, to C.M. dated 23-11-1953

(6) From Spl. C.E., P.W.D.No.2121/53 B/10 dated 1-4-54.

In his representations to the Governor, M(A), and C.M. in the references 1 to 3 and 5 cited Sri P.R.Ranganatha Punja, Honorary Secretary, South Kanara District Advancement Association, requested that dredging in respect of 19 rivers in South Kanara District be conducted and the silt cleared, from their mouths as far higher up the rivers as possible, in order to prevent flooding of lands on either sides of the rivers, and consequent damage to crops. He also alleged that in the case of Gurupur river alone it was found out by the Revenue Department that 28,000 acres were liable to innundation and that in about 6 to 7 thousand acres first crop had been given up.

Incidentally he also desired the decking of the Railway bridge over the Netravathi for allowing road traffic. This question had previously been considered, but not found feasible of adoption and the petitioner was informed of the position. However with reference to a communication from the Government of India regarding provision of road decking to railway bridges in this State, this Government have since suggested that the railway bridge over the Netravathi river may be decked with advantage for road traffic. Their reply is awaited.

C.No 42690 5/GB

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In the circumstances stated no further action seems called for on the representation.

The file may be circulated to M(W), M(A) (with reference to the minutes of the previous M.(A), C.I. and the Governor-vide the U.O.note from the Governor's Secretariat at p.1 ante.

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M. W.
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C. M.

Dr(W)
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Dr(W)
Dr(A)

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G.O. (Secn. by C.M. - vide bottom of page)

Sri Prakasa

20/5/1954

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Governor's Secretariat.

A copy of the letter sent from this office to Sri P.R.Ranganatha Punja, Mangalore, has been added to this file - pp.53-54 c.f.

Subramanian

P.S.G.

22.5.54.

P.W.D.

P.W.D.

To A.S.

The papers may be recorded in a memo

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 24 MAY 1954 PUBLIC WORKS

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Dredging of papers recorded

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DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 24 MAY 1954 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT